

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

————— MEETING SUMMARY —————

Public Health Auditorium
1601 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton CA

Wednesday, November 17, 1999 7:00 a.m.

(approved December 8, 1999)

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gutierrez at 07:05 a.m. Roll call was taken and all commission members were in attendance except for Commissioners Fujii (arrived at 07:10 a.m.) and Grande (absence excused).

2. Meeting summary from October 20, 1999 was presented for approval.

Motion: Approve meeting summary from October 20, 1999. (Mitchell/Adubofour – Motion passed 7–0)

3. Staff provided a listing of System Advisory Group committee members that were appointed at the October 20 meeting. This group will meet at 5:00 p.m. on November 19 at the Public Health Auditorium. Commissioners Mitchell and Smith will attend the committee meeting.

Discussion was held on makeup of the System Advisory Group and the need for additional “Consumer” representation. It was suggested that 2 “At-large” representatives be added and that Colleen Foster (Consumer) and Antonio Montoya (Consumer) be appointed to the new positions, freeing two “Consumer” positions. Commissioners Gutierrez, Adubofour, and Smith will be recruiting applicants for the vacant positions. An additional position will be added for an “Early Childhood Development” representative, bringing the total to 12 members.

Motion: Revise the System Advisory Group membership to include 3 additional appointees (2–At-large, 1–Early Childhood Development). Change the representative designations of Colleen Foster and Antonio Montoya from “Consumer” to “At-large” and announce recruitments for 3 positions (1–Early Childhood Development, 2–Consumer). (Snider/Vera – Motion passed 8–0)

4. Paul Harder (Harder+Company) provided an overview of the strategic planning session held on October 4. Comments were requested on the draft vision, mission, and principles statements. Notes from the October 4 planning session will be presented to the public at the upcoming community meeting. Harder+Company will also prepare posters and handouts.

Motion: Approve meeting notes from October 4, 1999 strategic planning session as amended. (Snider/Flenoy–Kelley – Motion passed 8–0)

5. Paul Harder and Nadja Dabby (Harder+Company) presented an updated data report to the Commission including demographic/economic statistics and indicators on Child Health, Family Functioning, and School Readiness. Areas to be covered in future reports include resources, focus group data, and items requested by the public.

It was suggested that a special study session be held to review the data. The study session will be held on December 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Monroe Elementary (tentative) prior to the upcoming community meeting.

6. A revised timeline of strategic planning events was presented. Staff requested direction from the Commission regarding future meeting dates/times/locations in order to begin making necessary arrangements.

Discussion was held on the need to obtain input from various areas of the County and the difficulties in coordinating commission members' schedules. It was suggested that subcommittees be appointed to conduct community meetings in various regions of the County (e.g., North, Central, South) rather than attempting to arrange commission meetings which would accommodate the schedules of all commissioners. Subcommittees would then provide reports back to the full Commission. This concept and proposed community meeting dates will be considered at the next commission meeting on December 8. Staff will work with Harder+Company, the County Public Information Officer, and the Commission Chair to develop a flier to announce the community meetings. Potential outreach methods such as mailings, use of email, and development of a website were discussed. The Strategic Planning Process subcommittee (Mitchell, Vera, Flenoy–Kelley, Fujii) was assigned to study and develop recommendations on potential outreach mechanisms.

7. Correspondence regarding a planned regional meeting of County commissions was received from the Sacramento County Children and Families Commission. Commissioners Flenoy–Kelley and Vera were assigned to attend these meetings, with Commissioner Snider serving as an alternate.

Motion: Appoint Commissioners Flenoy–Kelley and Vera as representatives to the regional group of County commissions. (Smith/Adubofour – Motion passed 8–0)

8. Comments from the public:

Louise Johnston/County Office of Education – Encouraged the Commission to identify the information needed ahead of time so that people have a chance to

consider the issues. Also suggested that Child Care providers are a good source of information on issues dealing with children 0–5.

Judy Yucht/American Cancer Society – Noted that Proposition 28 would be on the March ballot and that the American Cancer Society and American Heart/Lung Association would be supporting activities of Children and Families First commissions.

9. Comments from commission members:

Commissioner Smith indicated that the media would be more interested in covering the Commission's activities if there were a newsworthy event. Paul Harder inquired about promotion of the December 8 meeting. Staff indicated that a flier was being developed to publicize the event and that the County Public Information was developing a press release for the media. Notification will be provided to cities, school districts, child care agencies, churches, community centers, the Health Plan of San Joaquin, Chambers of Commerce, and the Human Services Agency. Commissioner Fujii encouraged commissioners to personally make contacts to publicize the activities. Commissioner Gutierrez will meet with the County's Public Information Officer to discuss publicity for the activities.

Paul Harder noted that the current timeline calls for three community meetings, each dealing with a different phase of the strategic planning process and that it is important to announce the process to the public so that they don't misunderstand the timing of the activities. Harder+Company will provide the Commission with a draft agenda and process plan in advance of the meeting on December 8. Commissioner Smith asked for clarification about the purpose of the December 8 meeting and whether similar meetings would be held in other areas for each phase of the process. Commissioner Vera stated that he understood the purpose of the community meetings to be to provide an overview of Prop 10 as well as to receive public input. Paul Harder indicated that the original purpose of the community meetings was to collect information from the public, but that based on the discussion, the process would be revised to also provide communities with an overview of Prop 10.

Staff informed the Commission that Commissioner Gutierrez, Assistant County Counsel McGrew, and CAO staff Rod Kawano would be attending a statewide meeting of County commissions on Monday, November 22 in Sacramento. The purpose of the meeting will be to exchange ideas on strategic planning and other issues relevant to Children and Families First. Staff indicated that there would be a map produced for the December 8 meeting at Monroe Elementary School and inquired if the Commission would be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on December 15. Commissioner Gutierrez suggested that the Commission keep its regular meeting scheduled due to the number of activities. Discussion about Commission staffing and review of the updated data report will be placed on the December 15 agenda.

10. *Meeting was adjourned to December 8, 1999 at 04:30 p.m. (Adubofour/Fujii – Motion passed 8–0)*

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